

Ft Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

2007 Continuing Education -- Spouse Scholarship Guidelines

The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club (FCOSC) is a private organization designed to benefit families of military members and the population at large, by raising welfare dollars and distributing the funds back into the community. We offer three categories of scholarships. Please make certain that you have the correct application. 1) High School Senior, 2) Continuing Education – Dependent Child, 3) Continuing Education – Spouse.

This is a merit based scholarship application for spouses who wish to continue their education. The student must be planning to seek a graduate, bachelor, associate, or similar degree/diploma from an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. This scholarship is for students enrolled either full or part-time. In previous years we have been able to provide scholarships between \$500 and \$1500. The award may be applied towards any college-related expenses that may be paid directly to the institution, i.e. tuition, fees, books, room and board. A scholarship award certificate will be presented to the student at the Scholarship Award Reception. A check will be made out to the selected college or university registrar on the student's behalf.

Selection will be based upon scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership, citizenship, motivation, diversity of interest and community involvement. A Scholarship Award Committee makes the selection. Applicants of any race, sex, religion, creed, age, or national origin will be considered. Applicant anonymity is preserved during the selection process to ensure fair competition. Recipients will be notified by mail in May of their selection status. The funds must be used or refused by October 2007. If a selectee cannot accept the scholarship, the money may go to an alternate, in order of merit. Exceptions to certain requirements may be made in extraordinary circumstances on a case by case basis. A letter of explanation and any pertinent supporting documentation should be attached if requesting an exception.

Please read the following requirements carefully. Applicant must meet all of the three requirements:

1. The students current Grade Point Average (GPA) must be 3.0 or better.
2. Applicant must meet *either* "a" or "b" below:
 - a. Club Affiliation – applicant is a current Active (not Associate) Member of the Fort Carson Officers Spouses Club (FCOSC), or the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization (ESCO), with dues paid prior to the date post-marked on the application. If the application is hand-delivered, the applicant must be a member of the Club prior to the date the application is delivered to the FCOSC Scholarship Chairperson or Executive Board Member. **OR**
 - b. Army Spouse - applicant is a spouse of an Active Duty Army, Army Reservist, Army National Guard, Retired Army, Deceased or MIA Army, or DoD Civilian.
3. Residency Requirement – one of the following must apply:
 - a. The Active Duty Army, Army Reservist, National Guard or DOD Civilian spouse must be stationed in the Colorado Springs area during some part of the year, between August 2006 and March 31, 2007.
 - b. The retired service member spouse must reside in the Colorado Springs area.
 - c. The applicant must live in the Colorado Springs area.
 - d. The ESCO or FCOSC member must reside in the Colorado Springs area.

The application packet **must** include the following material:

- ☐ The completed application form.
- ☐ An official transcript of applicant's most recent academic work. This could be graduate, undergraduate or high school work. Official transcripts are sealed in the original school letterhead envelope. Some schools have a unique distinguishing mark or seal. Opened envelopes or broken seals are not official.
- ☐ A 500-700 word typewritten essay – WHAT BOOK, MOVIE OR PERSONAL ENDEAVOR HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED YOUR LIFE, HOW AND WHY?
- ☐ An official letter from the FCOSC or ESCO stating that applicant is a current.
- ☐ A photocopy, front and back, of applicant's current military ID card, or other validation of eligibility, making sure the branch of service is legible.

The application packet **may** include the following:

- ☐ One additional typed page explaining any additional information you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.
- ☐ Up to three (3) letters of recommendations. The letters must be in envelopes sealed by the author.
- ☐ A separate letter explaining the level of course difficulty on the transcript, especially if the transcript does not have AP designations.

The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club reserves the right to increase, decrease, or withdraw any or all awards due to unforeseen circumstances. Packets must be **RECEIVED** by **March 31, 2007**. Mail the completed application with all the attachments in one envelope to:

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 12886
Fort Carson, CO 80913

*****Incomplete or untimely applications will not be considered.*****

Please direct questions or concerns to the Scholarship Chairman: Catherine Vuono at fc_osc@yahoo.com.

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Please type or print in ink.

NAME: _____ SSN _____
Last First M.

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City State Zip

PHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Eligibility Category – check one

Military: Active Duty ____ Retired ____ Deceased ____ POW/MIA ____ Reserve/Guard ____
Civilian: DOD Employee _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
Last First M.

Branch of Service: _____ SSN: _____

Duty Station or Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Club affiliation (attach letter) – circle one: FCOSC ESCO

GED or High School information: _____
Name

Address: _____
Street City

State Zip Date of completion _____

Colleges or Universities previously attended (if any):

Current College enrollment (if applicable):

Overall College GPA for the most recent coursework: _____

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Please use additional paper if necessary, using the format as shown.
Please list only the activities from the past 5 years. ****NO Acronyms Please****

| Honors and Awards | Date |
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| Leadership Roles | Date |
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| Community Activities – sports, clubs, etc | Year(s) | Average hours/month | Number of months |
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| Volunteer Activities – charities, churches or other organizations. | Year(s) | Average hours/month | Number of months |
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| Employment History – include position. | Average Hours/week | Starting Month/yr | Ending Month/yr |
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***You may attach one additional typed page explaining the activities above or adding any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.**

List colleges/universities/vocational schools to which you have applied or plan to attend. _____

Major course of study: _____

As an applicant I understand the eligibility criteria and conditions for an award outlined in the Scholarship Guidelines. I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to abide by and fulfill all requirements pertaining thereto.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____